

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-18. (canceled).

19. (new):

A method to reduce the driving voltage of a device comprising a smectic A liquid crystal composition and to enhance dynamic light scattering of the composition, said method comprising doping a smectic A liquid crystal composition with an ionic dopant comprising a sulfur or a phosphorous containing anion with a cation.

20. (new): A device comprising a smectic A liquid crystal composition, wherein the smectic A liquid crystal composition comprises one or more ionic dopants, wherein the ionic dopant comprises a sulfur or a phosphorus containing anion with a cation, wherein the ionic dopant reduces the driving voltage of the device and enhances dynamic light scattering of the composition.

21. (new): The device as claimed in claim 20, wherein the device is a display or a light shutter.

22. (new): A method of doping a smectic A liquid crystal composition, comprising adding an ionic dopant to a smectic A liquid crystal composition, wherein the ionic dopant

comprises a sulfur or a phosphorus containing anion with a cation, wherein the ionic dopant reduces the driving voltage of a device comprising the smectic A liquid crystal composition and enhances dynamic light scattering of the composition.

23. (new): A smectic A liquid crystal composition, comprising one or more ionic dopants, wherein the ionic dopant comprises a phosphorus containing anion with a cation, wherein the ionic dopant reduces the driving voltage of a device comprising the smectic A liquid crystal composition and enhances dynamic light scattering of the composition.

24. (new): The composition as claimed in claim 23, wherein the anion comprises X, and X is one of the following: POH^- , PO_2H^- , PO_3H^- , $(\text{PO}_3)^{2-}$, PO_4H^- or $(\text{PO}_4)^{2-}$.

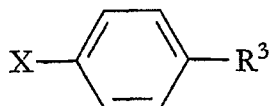
25. (new): The composition as claimed in claim 23, wherein the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is POH^- , PO_2H^- , PO_3H^- or $(\text{PO}_3)^{2-}$; m is 0 or 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^2\text{R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^3$, or $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^2\text{R}^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano

group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH₂-groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19.

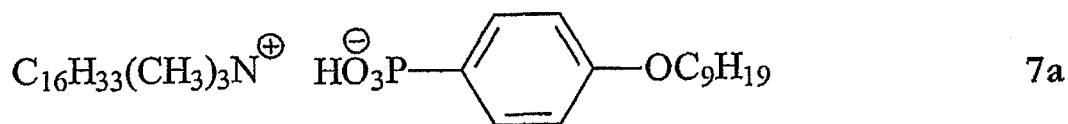
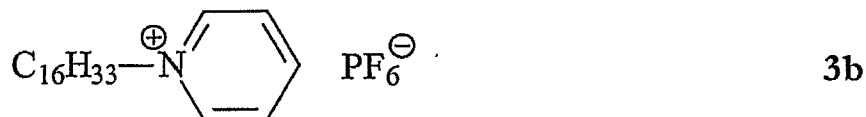
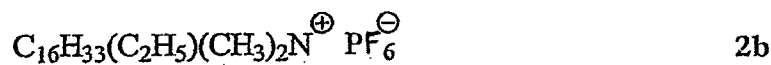
26. (new): The composition as claimed in claim 23, wherein the anion comprises:

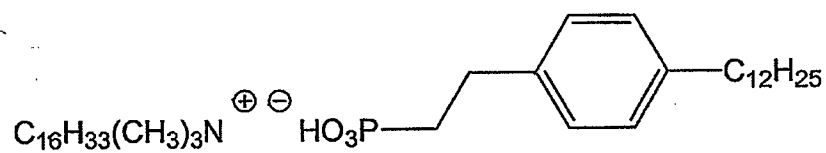


wherein X is PO₃H⁻ or (PO₃)²⁻, and R³ is an alkyl or alkoxy chain.

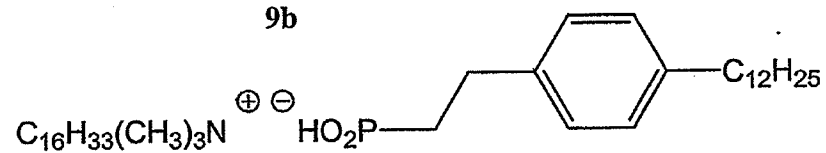
27. (new): The composition as claimed in claim 23, wherein the anion is chiral.

28. (new): The composition as claimed in claim 23, wherein the dopant is:





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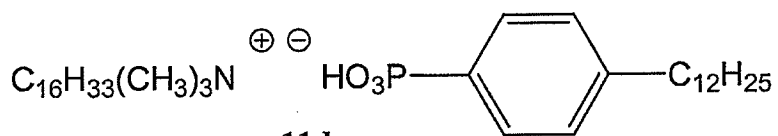
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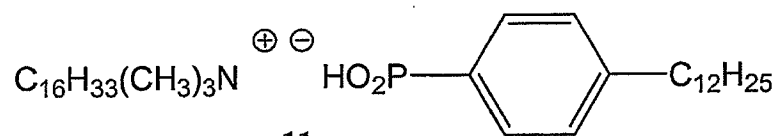
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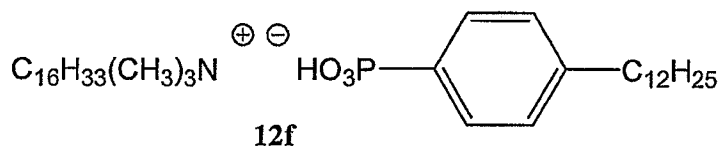
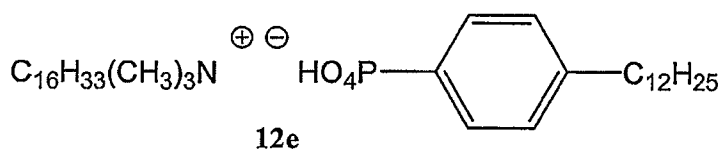
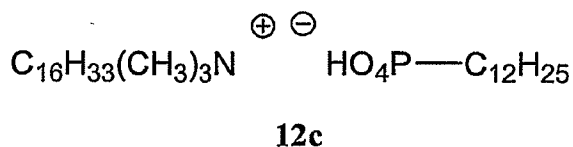
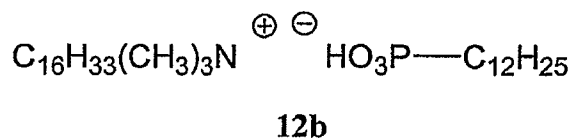
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29. (new): The composition as claimed in claim 23, wherein the cation is a quaternary ammonium cation.

30. (new): A smectic A liquid crystal composition, comprising one or more ionic dopants, wherein the ionic dopant comprises a sulfur containing anion with a cation, wherein the ionic dopant reduces the driving voltage of a device comprising the smectic A liquid crystal composition and enhances dynamic light scattering of the composition, wherein:

- (a) the anion comprises X, and X is one of the following: S^- , SO_2^- , SO_4^- or NH_3SO_3^- ; or
- (b) the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- or $NHSO_3^-$; m is 0 or 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $R^1-(CO_2)-R^3$, $R^1-(CO_2)-R^2R^3$, $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^3$, or $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^2R^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(c) the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- , SO_3^- or $NHSO_3^-$; m is 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $R^1-(CO_2)-R^3$, $R^1-(CO_2)-R^2R^3$, $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^3$, or $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^2R^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(d) the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- , SO_3^- or NHSO_3^- ; m is 0 or 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^2\text{R}^3$, or $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^2\text{R}^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(e) the anion is according to formula I:



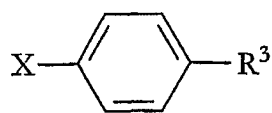
wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- , SO_3^- or NHSO_3^- ; m is 0 or 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^2\text{R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^3$, or $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^2\text{R}^3$; wherein R^1 is a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(f) the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- , SO_3^- or NH_3SO_3^- ; m is 0 or 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^2\text{R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^3$, or $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^2\text{R}^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(g) the anion comprises:

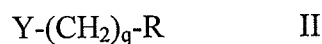


wherein X is SO_3^- , and R^3 is an alkoxy chain; or

(h) the anion is chiral; or

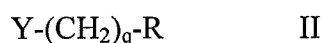
(i) the cation is based on an $\text{N,N}'$ -dialkylimidazole, an $\text{N,N}'$ -dialkylbenzimidazole, an $\text{N,N}'$ -dialkyltriazole, an N-alkylquinuclidine or an N-alkylazanaphthalene; or

(j) the cation is according to formula II:



wherein Y is $\text{NR}^4\text{R}^5\text{R}^6$ wherein R^4 , R^5 and R^6 is in every instance an alkyl group or an alkyl chain containing 0 to 5 carbon atoms, N-alkylimidazoles, N-alkylbenzimidazoles, N-alkyltriazoles, alkylquinuclidines or alkylazanaphthalenes; q is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $\text{R}^1-(\text{CO}_2)-\text{R}^3$, $\text{R}^1-(\text{CO}_2)-\text{R}^2\text{R}^3$, $\text{R}^1-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{R}^3$, or $\text{R}^1-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{R}^2\text{R}^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

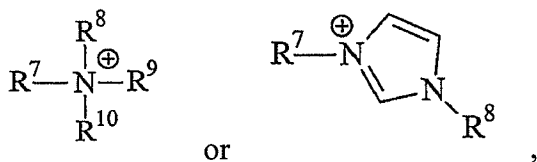
(k) the cation is according to formula II:



wherein Y is $\text{NR}^4\text{R}^5\text{R}^6$ wherein R^4 , R^5 and R^6 is in every instance an alkyl group or an alkyl chain containing 0 to 5 carbon atoms, pyridines, N-alkylimidazoles, N-alkylbenzimidazoles, N-alkyltriazoles, alkylquinuclidines or alkylazanaphthalenes; q is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $\text{R}^1-(\text{CO}_2)-\text{R}^3$, $\text{R}^1-(\text{CO}_2)-\text{R}^2\text{R}^3$, $\text{R}^1-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{R}^3$, or $\text{R}^1-(\text{CH}_2)_p-\text{R}^2\text{R}^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a

biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a cyano group, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(l) the cation is:

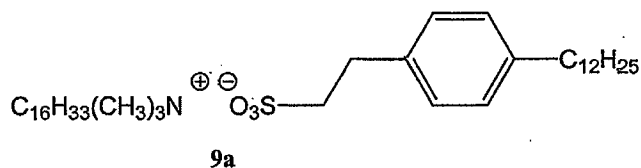
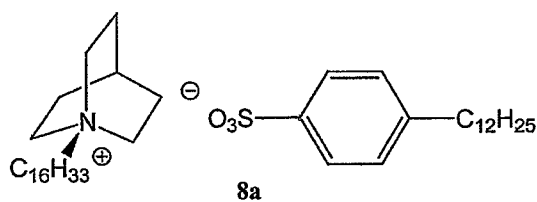
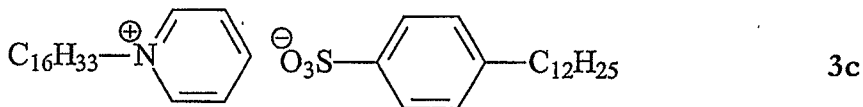
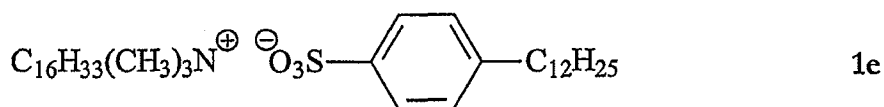


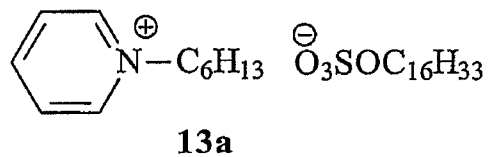
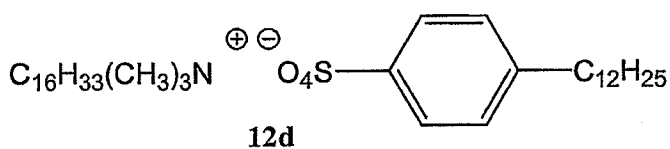
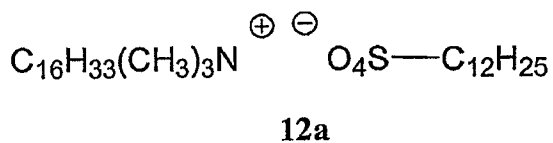
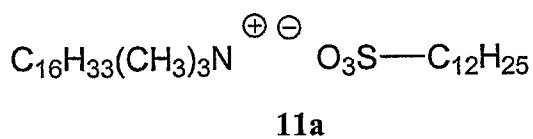
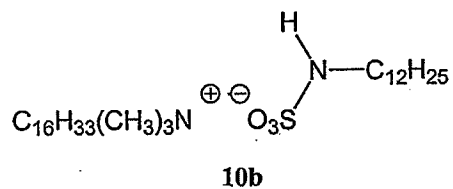
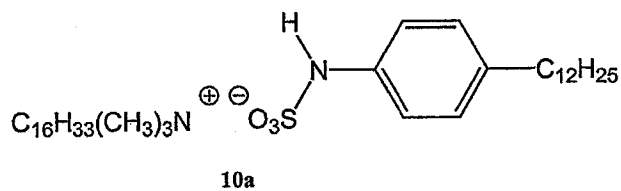
where R^7 , R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} are alkyl chains; or

(m) the cation is *n*-hexadecyltrimethylammonium (HTMA) or *n*-hexadecyldimethylethyl-ammonium (HDME); or

(n) the cation is chiral; or

(o) the dopant is:





31. (new): The composition as claimed in claim 30, wherein the cation is a quaternary ammonium cation.

32. (new): A method to reduce the driving voltage of a device comprising a smectic A liquid crystal composition and to enhance dynamic light scattering of the composition, said method comprising doping a smectic A liquid crystal composition with an ionic dopant comprising a quaternary ammonium cation with an anion.

33. (new): A device comprising a smectic A liquid crystal composition, wherein the smectic A liquid crystal composition comprises one or more ionic dopants, wherein the ionic dopant comprises a quaternary ammonium cation with an anion, wherein the ionic dopant reduces the driving voltage of the device and enhances dynamic light scattering of the composition.

34. (new): The device as claimed in claim 33, wherein the device is a display or a light shutter.

35. (new): A method of doping a smectic A liquid crystal composition, comprising adding an ionic dopant to a smectic A liquid crystal composition, wherein the ionic dopant comprises a quaternary ammonium cation with an anion, wherein the ionic dopant reduces the driving voltage of a device comprising the smectic A liquid crystal composition and enhances dynamic light scattering of the composition.

36. (new): A smectic A liquid crystal composition, comprising one or more ionic dopants, wherein the ionic dopant comprises a quaternary ammonium cation with an anion, wherein the ionic dopant reduces the driving voltage of a device comprising the smectic A liquid crystal composition and enhances dynamic light scattering of the composition, wherein:

- (a) the anion is a phosphorus containing anion; or
- (b) the anion comprises X, and X is one of the following: S^- , SO_2^- , SO_4^- , $NHSO_3^-$, POH^- , PO_2H^- , PO_3H^- , $(PO_3)^{2-}$, PO_4H^- or $(PO_4)^{2-}$; or
- (c) the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- , $NHSO_3^-$, POH^- , PO_2H^- , PO_3H^- or $(PO_3)^{2-}$; m is 0 or 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $R^1-(CO_2)-R^3$, $R^1-(CO_2)-R^2R^3$, $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^3$, or $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^2R^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

- (d) the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- , SO_3^- , $NHSO_3^-$, POH^- , PO_2H^- , PO_3H^- or $(PO_3)^{2-}$; m is 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $R^1-(CO_2)-R^3$, $R^1-(CO_2)-R^2R^3$, $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^3$, or $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^2R^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an

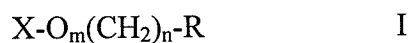
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(e) the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- , SO_3^- , NHSO_3^- , POH^- , PO_2H^- , PO_3H^- or $(\text{PO}_3)^{2-}$; m is 0 or 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^2\text{R}^3$, or $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^2\text{R}^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(f) the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- , SO_3^- , NHSO_3^- , POH^- , PO_2H^- , PO_3H^- or $(\text{PO}_3)^{2-}$; m is 0 or 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CO}_2\text{)-R}^2\text{R}^3$, $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^3$, or $\text{R}^1\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_p\text{-R}^2\text{R}^3$; wherein R^1 is a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted

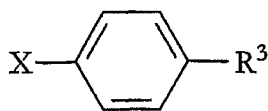
biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(g) the anion is according to formula I:



wherein X is S^- , SO_2^- , SO_3^- , $NHSO_3^-$, POH^- , PO_2H^- , PO_3H^- or $(PO_3)^{2-}$; m is 0 or 1; n is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $R^1-(CO_2)-R^3$, $R^1-(CO_2)-R^2R^3$, $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^3$, or $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^2R^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(h) the anion comprises:



wherein X is SO_3^- , PO_3H^- or $(PO_3)^{2-}$, and R^3 is an alkoxy chain; or

(i) the anion is chiral; or

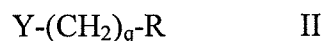
(j) the cation is based on an N,N'-dialkylimidazole, an N,N'-dialkylbenzimidazole, an N,N'-dialkyltriazole, an N-alkylquinuclidine or an N-alkylazanaphthalene; or

(k) the cation is according to formula II:



wherein Y is $NR^4R^5R^6$ wherein R^4 , R^5 and R^6 is in every instance an alkyl group or an alkyl chain containing 0 to 5 carbon atoms, N-alkylimidazoles, N-alkylbenzimidazoles, N-alkyltriazoles, alkylquinuclidines or alkylazanaphthalenes; q is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $R^1-(CO_2)-R^3$, $R^1-(CO_2)-R^2R^3$, $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^3$, or $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^2R^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a hydrogen, a cyano group, an alkyl chain, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

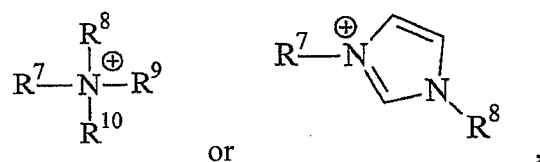
(l) the cation is according to formula II:



wherein Y is $NR^4R^5R^6$ wherein R^4 , R^5 and R^6 is in every instance an alkyl group or an alkyl chain containing 0 to 5 carbon atoms, pyridines, N-alkylimidazoles, N-alkylbenzimidazoles, N-alkyltriazoles, alkylquinuclidines or alkylazanaphthalenes; q is 0 to 19; and R is R^3 , R^1R^3 , $R^1-(CO_2)-R^3$, $R^1-(CO_2)-R^2R^3$, $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^3$, or $R^1-(CH_2)_p-R^2R^3$; wherein R^1 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a

non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^2 is a phenyl, a substituted phenyl, a biphenyl, a substituted biphenyl, a terphenyl, a substituted terphenyl, an aromatic ring, a non-aromatic ring, a cyclohexyl, a cyclopentyl, a diazine, a bidiazine, a terdiazine, a phenyldiazine, a biphenyldiazine, a naphthalene or an azanaphthalene; R^3 is a cyano group, an alkyl substituted cyclohexyl, an alkenyl chain, or an alkyl chain wherein one or more non-adjacent CH_2 -groups are replaced by an oxygen atom; and p is 0 to 19; or

(m) the cation is:



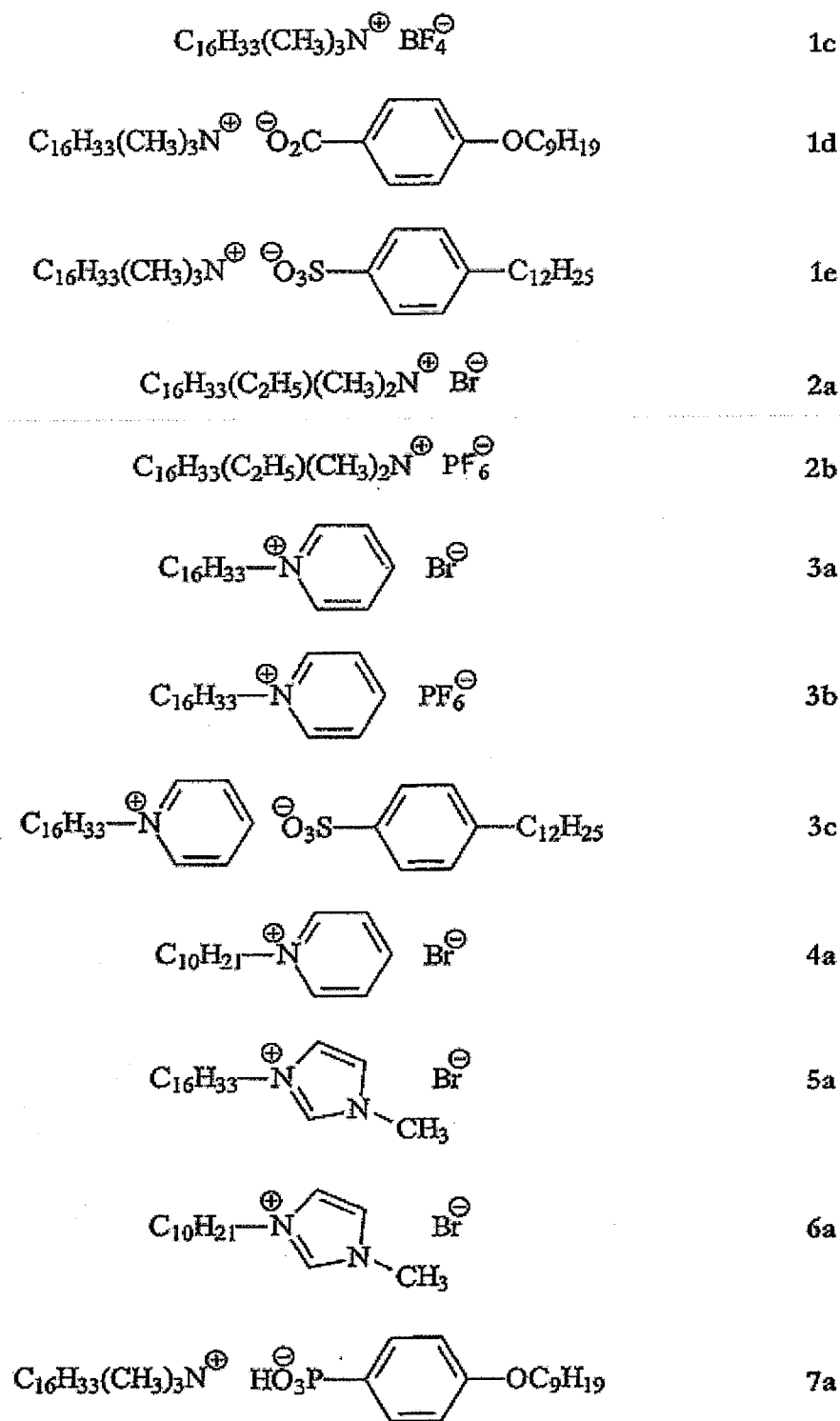
where R^7 , R^8 , R^9 and R^{10} are alkyl chains; or

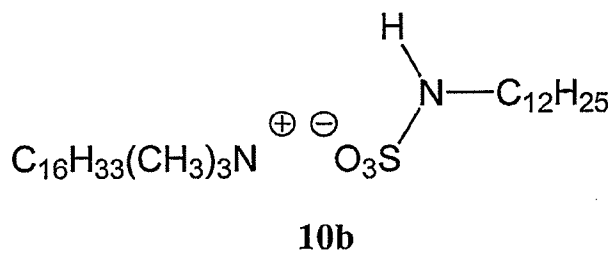
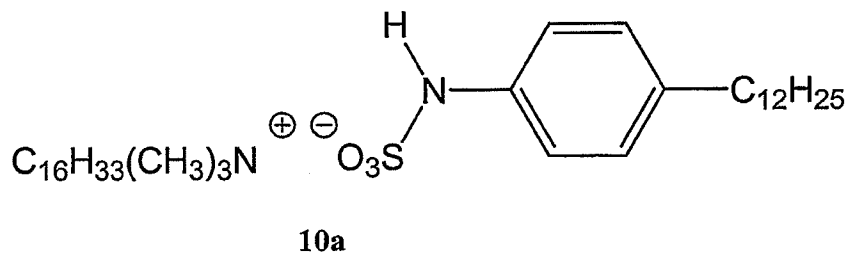
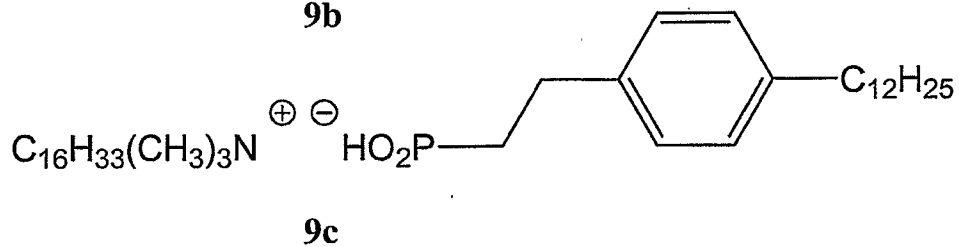
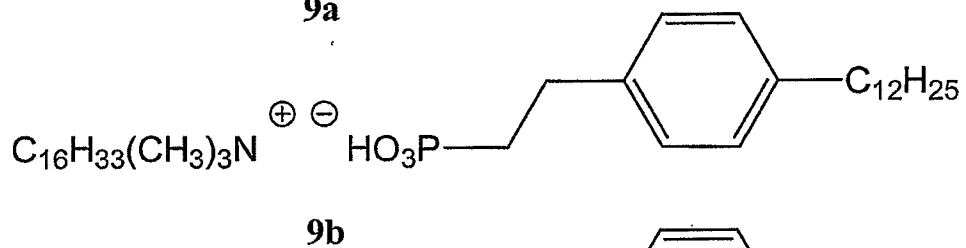
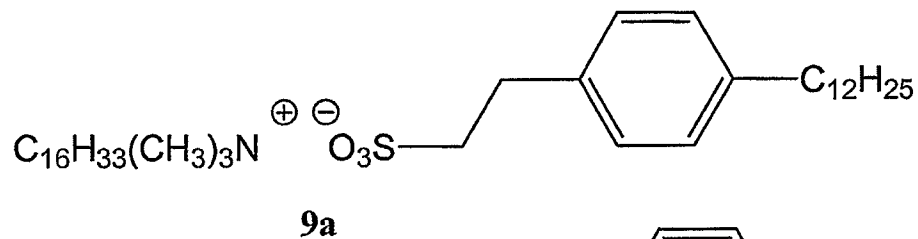
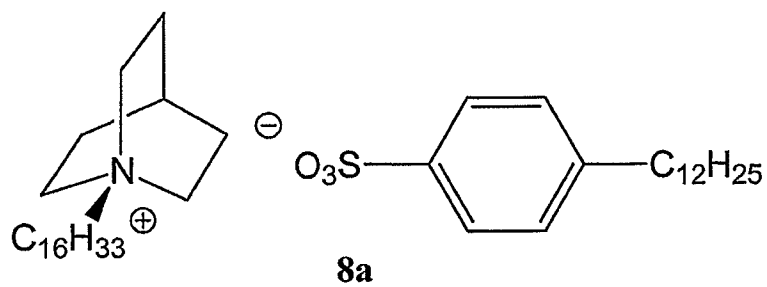
(n) the cation is *n*-hexadecyltrimethylammonium (HTMA) or *n*-hexadecyldimethylethyl-ammonium (HDME); or

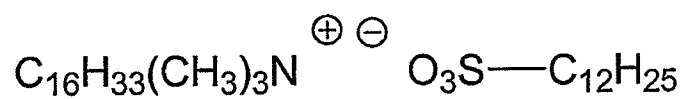
(o) the cation is chiral; or

(p) the dopant is:









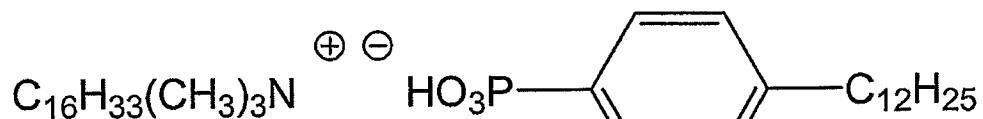
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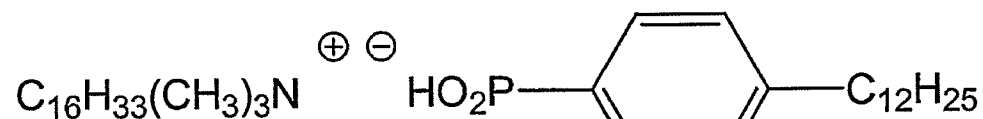
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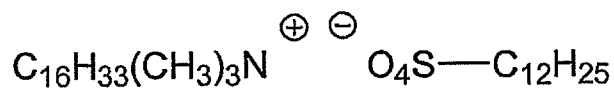
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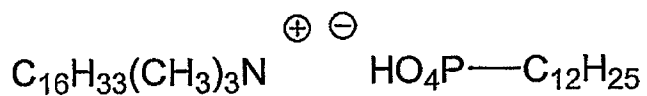
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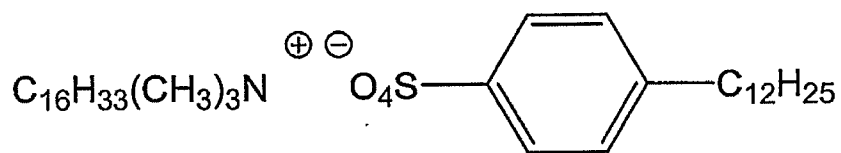
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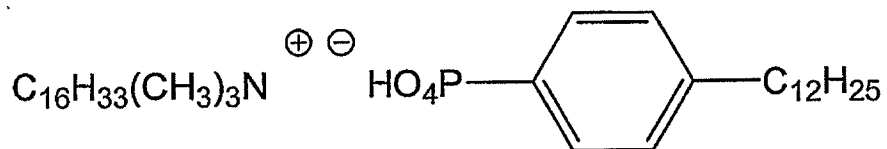
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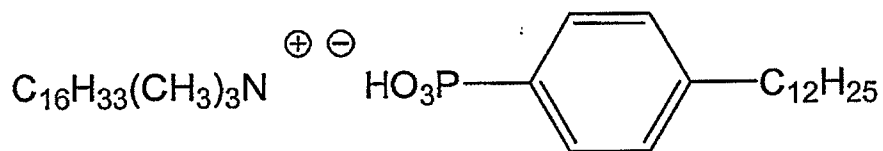
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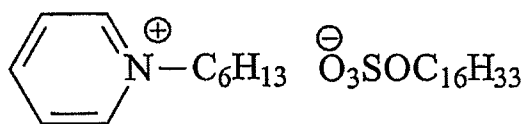
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37. (new): The composition as claimed in claim 36, wherein the anion is a sulfur or a phosphorus containing anion.